

III. REMARKS

With the above amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate subject matter from original claim 1. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended and new claim 10 has been added. Claim 1 has been added to delete unnecessary punctuation marks, which has no further limiting effect on the scope of the claims. Claim 7 has been amended to delete subject matter in brackets. Therefore, claim 7 now actually has a broader scope in view of the present amendment. New claim 10, which depends upon claim 7, recites subject matter deleted from claim 7.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the application.

The Examiner contends that restriction of the present application to one of the following inventions is required:

Group I: Claims 1-7, drawn to a roller, classified in class 492, subclass 45; and

Group II: Claims 8 and 9, drawn to a method of making a roller, classified in class 29, subclass not specified by the Examiner.

The Examiner contends that the inventions are distinct from each other and related as product made and process of making. The Examiner contends that the inventions are distinct because the product roller of Group I could be made using an installation step other than by applying an air film between the sleeve and an outside of the roller core. The Examiner's restriction requirement is academic because claims 8 and 9 of Group II are dependent on claim 1 of Group I. Therefore, claim 1 is a linking claim and when claim 1 is allowed, claims 8 and 9 must be rejoined with the allowed claims in accordance with MPEP § 809.

Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-7 and 10, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicant's election is made with traverse for the reasons evinced above.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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